

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

PEARL RIVER BAP. ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MOUNT ZION CHURCH, SIMPSON COUNTY, MI.,

September 9, 10, and 11, 1848.

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MOUNT ZION CHURCH, Saturday, Sept. 9, 1848.

In accordance with the adjournment of the last session, the delegates from the churches composing the Pearl River Baptist association convened at the time and place appointed.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. Wm. Fortinberry, from Acts xx, 28: "Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he has purchased with his own blood.

After a short recess, the Association convened in the meeting house, and was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by bro. Reeves.

The clerk being absent, on motion bro. C. Magee was appointed clerk pro tem.

Letters from thirty-two churches were read by brethren Wm. Barnes and N. Robertson, jr., and the names of the delegates enrolled.

The Association then went into the choice of her officers, (brethren Hornsby and W. Barnes tellers,) which resulted in the election of bro. Crawford moderator, and C. Magee clerk.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats with us.

The Macedonia church, Simpson county, was received on a letter of dismission from the Mount Pisgah association.

Brethren Jas. Murray, John Watts, Josiah Holmes, Isam Smith, and James Mikell were appointed a committee to arrange the preaching during the meeting.

Received correspondence from sister Associations as follows:

From Mississippi—A letter and package of minutes by their messenger, bro. Z. Reeves. Brethren J. D. McFarland and Moses Seale, his colleagues, failed.

Union—A letter and package of minutes, by their messenger, elder Wm. Mullins. Bro. Green, his colleague, failed.

Mount Pisgah—A letter and package of minutes, by elders James Merchant and J. D. Abney.

Central—A letter and package of minutes, by their messenger, elder S. I. Caldwell. Brethren Wm. H. Taylor and S. W. Sexton, his colleagues, failed.

Ebenezer—A letter and package of minutes, by their messengers, elders John P. Martin and N. Robertson, jr. Bro. A. McKenzie, their colleague, failed.

Eastern Louisiana—A letter and package of minutes, by their messenger, elder W. H. Varnado. Brethren W. B. Allen and A. Pennington, his colleagues, failed.

Bro. L. E. Wall, from the Mississippi River association, (bro. W. A. Poole having failed with their letter and minutes,) presented a copy of their minutes, showing his appointment as messenger, asking corre-

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spondence with us. On motion, he was received, and a correspondence opened with her.

Arranged correspondence with sister associations as follows:

Appointed bro. Barnes to write to the Mississippi, brethren Crawford and Fortinberry messengers; bro. B. B. Barnes to write to the Eastern Louisiana, brethren C. Magee and John Strahan messengers; brother Hornsby to write to the Ebenezer, brethren James Murray and Wm. Williams messengers; bro. Rogers to write to the Union, brethren Joshua Sandifer and Henry Simmons messengers; bro. Williams to write to the Central, brethren Cader Price and Wyatt Hall messengers; bro. W. T. Sandifer to write to the Mount Pisgah, brethren C. Price and Wm. Williams messengers; bro. James Mikkell to write to the Mississippi River, bro. Crawford and Fortinberry messengers.

Brethren Wm. T. Sandifer, H. Hooker, and Simeon Ross were appointed a committee on finance.

Arrangement and revision—Wm. Fortinberry, Wm. Mullins, N. Robertson, jr., Jas. Murray, Wm. Williams, with the moderator and clerk.

The committee on preaching reported brethren Crawford, Robertson, and Z. Reeves to preach on the Lord's day, and bro. Price to close the services of the day.

Adjourned until Monday morning, nine o'clock. Prayer by brother N. Robertson.

On Sabbath morning, Rev. Wm. Mullins opened the services by singing and prayer. Rev. Jesse Crawford addressed an unusual large audience, from Job xxv, 4. Theme: How a sinner is justified. He was followed by Rev. N. Robertson, sen., from Heb. ix, xvi. Theme: Fullness and infinite worth of the sacrifice of Christ.

After about thirty minutes recess, Rev. Z. Reeves preached from Rev. xxii, 17. Theme: first, the duty of baptized believers; second, invitations of the Spirit to unbaptized believers; third, invitations to mourners; and, last, to sinners. Bro. Price then followed with a warm exhortation, and invited mourners to come forward to be prayed for, when many were brought to tears, and, we hope, great good done.

MONDAY MORNING, Sept. 11, 1848.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Caldwell.

Called the roll, and marked absentees.

Read the rules of decorum.

The clerk, from the committee of arrangement and revision, made a report, which was received and adopted.

The committee on preaching reported brethren J. Merchant, S. I. Caldwell, and L. E. Wall to preach to-day, in the order of their names, and bro. Martin to close the services.

Your committee on finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the treasurer's report, and find it correct.

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Treasurer's Report.*S. Ross, in acc't with Pearl River Association, for associational purposes.*

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By amount paid Jesse Crawford, messenger,	:	\$26 25
" C. Magee,	:"	17 00
" S. B. Mullen,	:"	6 25
" A. Murray,	:"	15 00
" J. Murray,	:"	14 50
" Wm. Williams,	:"	14 50
" Wm. Fortinberry,	:"	8 75
" Joshua Sandifer,	:"	8 75
Paid S. B. Mullen, for printing minutes, &c.,	:	58 00—169 00

Balance due the treasurer,	:	:	:	\$10 05
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Amount received for missionary purposes,	:	:	:	\$17 53
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By amount paid W. Fortinberry, for thirty-four days' labor,	:	\$51 00
Balance in the treasurer's hands,	:	\$29 52

S. ROSS, Treasurer Pearl River Association.

Took up queries, and answered them, as follows:

Appointed brethren Wm. Barnes, N. Robertson, and W. Williams to draft an answer to the query from the Silver Creek church.

Query—Is it according to gospel order and Baptist usage, for one ordained minister to ordain a minister or deacon?*Answer*—We believe it is not agreeable to gospel order, or the general usage of the church of Christ, for one minister to perform the ceremony of ordination.

Appointed brethren Wm. Fortinberry, S. I. Caldwell, and James Murray to draft an answer to the query from Magee's Creek.

Query—Is it agreeable to gospel order for a church to take a member under her watchcare who has moved away from his own church, into the bounds of another church, without a letter?*Answer*—Your committee on the query beg leave to report, that it is not according to gospel order so to receive members.*Resolved*, that our next Association be held with Copiah church, Copiah county, on Saturday before the second Lord's day in September, 1849.

Appointed Rev. S. B. Mullen to preach the next introductory sermon, and bro. Crawford his alternate.

Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Resolved, that we dispense with the circular in our minutes the next year, and substitute, in its place, a brief abstract of the state of the churches, separately.

Resolved, that we recommend to the churches composing this body, and especially to ministers of the gospel, to enjoin a more strict observance of the Sabbath day.

Resolved, that we recommend to all the churches composing our body to establish sabbath schools in connection with their respective congregations, so far as practicable.

Resolved, that in view of the painful divisions which, in some parts of our common Zion, have grown out of a difference in the articles of faith adopted by different Associations and churches, this Association feels impressed with the importance and utility of uniformity in the articles upon which Associations are constituted. In order, therefore, to prevent, in future, recurrence of such unhappy dissensions,

Resolved, that we respectfully request our corresponding Associations to take under consideration the expediency of holding a congression of delegates from all these Associations and churches to form a uniform system of constitutions.

Resolved, further, that if this measure should meet the views of our sister Associations, we recommend and invite them to send delegates to meet at Hopewell church, Copiah county, on Saturday before the first Lord's day in August, 1849, as a central place for the purpose aforesaid.

Appointed brethren J. Crawford, Wm. Barnes, Wm. Williams, Jas. Murray, Calvin Magee, Wm. Fortinberry, and C. Price delegates to the above named convention.

Resolved, that we request the churches of our body to send up to the next session of this Association the date of their constitution and representation of their state.

Resolved, that the clerk be instructed to have the resolutions inviting our sister Associations to meet with us in convention published in the Mississippi Baptist.

Resolved, that we recommend the Mississippi Baptist to the patronage of the churches.

Resolved, that all the Associations in Mississippi be, and are hereby, invited to unite with us by sending delegates to the contemplated meeting at Hopewell, and that this invitation be extended to them by the publication of this resolution in the Mississippi Baptist.

The moderator announced that the business of the Association was finished.

Took up the missionary business immediately.

First, called for reports; whereupon, bro. Wm. Barnes, a member of the Board, made a report, which was received and adopted, and ordered to be printed in these minutes.

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Missionary Report.

*To the Pearl River Baptist Association, in session at Mt. Zion church,
Simpson county, September 9-11, 1848.*

Your Missionary Board are permitted to present to your body a brief statement of the manner in which they have performed the duties assigned by you at your last meeting; and we hope that we may be allowed to say, that we have used our endeavors to satisfy the expectations of the Association, so far as means and opportunity would enable us. Knowing it to be the wish of the Association that the Board should have a special eye to the destitute condition of Little River church, at our meeting in January, the subject was fully considered, and brother Wm. Fortinberry was appointed our special missionary to supply that church, and was instructed to attend them two days in every month. At the same time, bro. Fortinberry was appointed an agent for the Board.

At our meeting in March, bro. Fortinberry reported the church in a cold and scattered condition, at the same time reporting eleven days' service. In June, he reported the church in harmony and fellowship. At this time, reported fifteen days' additional labor.

Our last meeting was held with Silver Creek church, Lawrence co., on Friday before the first Sunday in September, at which time brother Fortinberry reported eight days' service more, amounting, in all, to thirty-four days' service. For all which payment has been ordered, to the amount of fifty-one dollars, and which the treasurer's report will show to have been duly paid.

No other appointments have been made by the Board, and we refer you to the treasurer's report for information respecting the state of your funds. All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES MURRAY, president.

JAMES MIKELL, secretary.

Appointed brethren Wm. Fortinberry, Cader Price, and H. Simmons a committee to nominate and report members for the next Missionary Board.

The committee reported brethren E. Owens, James Murray, H. Green, J. Bishop, J. Berry, J. Mikell, S. Ross, G. Burket, William Williams, J. Norwood, D. Butler, and W. Chandler, which was agreed to.

The Association then adjourned, to meet with the Copiah church, Copiah county, on Saturday before the second Lord's day in September, 1849. Prayer by bro. Wm. Mullins.

JESSE CRAWFORD, moderator.

CALVIN MAGEE, Clerk.

Table Showing the State of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Whites Baptized	Received by letter.	Dismiss'd by letter.	Exclud'd	Restored	Dead.	Total Whites.	Total Colored.	Total Colored.	Baptized Colored.	Total number.	Number Minutes.	Associational purposes.	Missionary purposes.
Antioch,	Marion,	J. S. Pittman, N. Cowart,	1	1	1	1	1	3	36	35	1	13	71	25	\$5 00	
Bethany,	Lawrence,	J. Mikel, H. Hooker,	1	4	1	2	1	2					93	55	10 00	
Bahala,	Lawrence,	James Cagle,		3	1	2		2					22	15	4 00	
Bethlehem,	Simpson,	Wm. B. Chandler, J. Dear,			2	2			25				25	20	5 00	
Copiah,	Copiah,	H. H. Guines, F. J. Ramsey,			1	1			15	9			24	15	3 00	
Ebenezer,	Covington,	Wm. Barnes, Wm. C. Gardner,	1		6	1	1	1					48	30	5 00	
Fair River,	Lawrence,	H. Davis, B. Cooper,		4		13		1		10			48	25	10 00	
Gallilee,	Copiah,	Sutliff Swilley, A. Miller,		1	6	1		1	50	13		1	19	12	3 00	
Hebron,	Lawrence,	E. Owens, H. S. Green,		1	6	1							63	40	7 50	
Hepzibah,	Lawrence,	William Fortinberry,		5	6	1	2						36	20	4 75	
Harmony,	Lawrence,	Wm. Williams, John Strahan,	1	5	6	1	2	2	31	5			29	25	4 00	
Hopewell,	Copiah,	J. Sandifer, Wm. T. Sandifer,	5	2	1	1	4	2					36	15	3 00	
Little River,	Marion,	B. B. Barnes, James Clark,		2	1	1		1					11	10	3 00	
Mount Zion,	Simpson,	J. Murray, W. L. Rogers,		2	1	1		2	51	29			80	25	7 00	
Magee's Creek,	Pike,	J. Holmes, T. Gipson,		3	6	1	2	2	45	4			49	25	4 00	
Mountain Creek,	Pike,	Cader Price, James Dear,		1	2	1	1		22	3			36	20	5 00	
New Chapel,	Pike,	James A. Boutwell,		2	2	1			50	7			25	15	3 00	
New Zion,	Marion,	Calvin Magee,		2	2	1							57	20	5 50	
New Hope,	Covington,	John Watts, J. W. Hornsby,		2	2	1			18	1			38	25	5 00	
New Zion,	Simpson,	Watt Hall, Kinion Meeks,	1	3	2	1		1	45	11			19	15	3 00	
Palentine,	Simpson,	H. Simmons, John J. Gayles,		2	2	1		1					55	29	5 00	
Pleasant Hill,	Simpson,	Isaac Bush, J. Fortinberry,		4	3	1	1	1	10	1			11	15	3 00	
Silver Creek,	Pike,	Jesse Crawford, S. O. Magee,		3	4	2	2	2	65	25		2	90	30	3 00	
Silver Creek,	Lawrence,	Simcon Ross,							21	1			22	20	4 00	
Strong River,	Simpson,	John Bishop, Francis Young,	1	3	5	2	1	1	37	10			47	20	6 50	
Society Hill,	Lawrence,	John Cox,		1	6	1							73	30	10 00	
Sardis,	Copiah,	No delegation,		2	3	1		1					19	20	4 40	
Shiloh,	Lawrence,	John Grice, Levi Smith,		1	1				16				16	10	3 00	
Union,	Pike,	Benjamin Holmes,			2			2					33	20	4 00	
Zion Hill,	Rankin,	Lewis Harper, S. Harper,	5	3									32	25	3 50	
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